**PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

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“The mission of Portsmouth High School is to be an ever-improving, respectful community where all students are challenged as individuals to develop intellectual curiosities and to use immense bodies of knowledge proficiently as they learn to value the past, thrive in the present and prepare for the future.”



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**Introduction:**

Welcome to the home of the Portsmouth Patriots! Portsmouth High School is a four-year public high school, with about 1,006 students, teaching grades 9-12. It is one of Portsmouth’s four public schools and is the only high school. It is located in the northern part of Aquidneck Island with the beach right down the street. The current principal is Robert E. Littlefield with two assistant principals Chris Ashley and Colleen Larson. Portsmouth High School, PHS for short, offers a variety of academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. It has a 1:10 teacher-student ratio, high SAT scores, and superb AP Exam scores. This report is intended to inform parents, students, and teachers about what Portsmouth and Portsmouth High School has to offer.

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**Community Background:**

Portsmouth is a very nice, charming town that was founded in 1683 and is part of Newport County, Rhode Island. Portsmouth is both a rural and suburban town with a strong sense of community. It has several relaxing and enjoyable activities including boating, fishing, tennis, and golfing and is home to many beaches, playgrounds, and parks. (Portsmouth School Department) Portsmouth has a population of about 17,389 with a total area of 59.3 square miles (23.2 of land and 36.1 of water). The median family income is $96,173 compaired to Rhode Island’s $70,663. There are only 2.3% of families that are below the poverty level, compaired to the statewide 8.4%. (US Census Bureau) Portsmouth’s high median family income and low family poverty levels shows that families are doing very well financially and are able to provide for their families.

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| Income/Poverty | Portsmouth | Rhode Island |
| Median household income | $77,712 | $54,902 |
| Median family income | $96,173 | $70,663 |
| Per capita income | $42,099 | $28,707 |
| All families below the poverty level | 2.3% | 8.4% |
| All people below the poverty level | 4.3% | 12.2% |

The child population is 3,996

Portsmouth is not a very diverse town; the majority of the population is white. According to the 2010 US Census Bureau, Portsmouth is made up of 16,445 people who are White, 372 people who are Hispanic or Latino, 274 people who are Asian, 234 people who are Black/African American, and 37 people who are American Indian and Alaska native. All these numbers are much lower compaired to Rhode Island’s count. As you can see in the graph below the percentages of race/ethnicity from Portsmouth and Rhode Island are compaired.

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| Race/Ethnicity | Portsmouth | Rhode Island |
| White | 94.6% | 81.4% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 2.1 % | 12.4% |
| Asian | 1.6% | 4.8% |
| Black/African American | 1.3% | 12.6% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.2% | 0.9% |

**District Summary**

**School Analysis**

Fall:

Winter:

Spring:

**Conclusion**

**References**

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<http://infoworks.ride.ri.gov/>